63d Infantry Division Association, USAR



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To Our Members:

One year ago, upon learning of the death of Major General William J. Hixson, the final commander of the 63d Infantry Division USAR, the Board of Governors of our association voted unanimously to dedicate this issue of our annual book to him. A memorial will be found elsewhere in the book.

Also, the board voted to publish our annual book immediately (or as immediately as possible) after our annual general membership meeting. Therefore, this issue will contain all the features of our 36th and 37th annual meetings. This way our members will be receiving new news, not having to wait a year to know all that is new when it is a year old.

Ye Auld Editors

Major General William J. Hixson December 15, 1908 June 19, 2002

A Memorial

By Colonel Charles J. McCleery

For those of us who were privileged to know him, some of us for more than fifty years, and having served in his command(s), we know that the high standards of leadership by which he executed his command responsibilities, and the high standards of moral integrity by which he was known to live his life present a far greater memorial to him than any written words can express.

We first knew him when we were assigned to the 13th Armored Division ORC in 1947 and at that time was Colonel William J. Hixson, Commander, Reserve Command of the Division. The fact that he was eager and determined to build upon the meager strength of the Division, and create a strong, well trained Army Reserve Force in Southern California became readily apparent. He dedicated himself to that task.

Following the reactivation of the 63d Infantry Division, and its absorption of personnel from the 13th Armored Division, General Hixson as Deputy Commanding General and later as Commanding General, never ceased his determination to build the Division into a force that eventually earned the respect of Headquarters XV Corps and Sixth U.S.Army.

The confidence in the capability of the Division to perform was demonstrated by Sixth Army assigning to the Division two important missions:

- 1. Plan, and execute as required, the ground defense for all Nike Sites in the Los Angeles basin and in Orange County.
- 2. As planning headquarters, prepare for the construction of a replica Viet Nam Village at Hunter Liggett Military Reservation, and plan for an inspection visit by President John F. Kennedy.

There was a time for comraderie and a time for dedicated work. General Hixson participated in both with equal zeal. He was not a "Headquarters General". He did that which he enjoyed most-being with the troops.

Quoting from DA Pamphlet No. 600-2, "The Armed Forces Officer", Washington, 1950, Chapter One:

"Upon being commissioned in the Armed Services of the United States, a man incurs a lasting obligation to cherish and protect his country and to develop within himself that capacity and reserve strength which will enable him to serve its arms and the welfare of his fellow Americans with increasing wisdom, diligence, and patriotic conviction.

This is the meaning of his commission. It is not modified by any reason of assignment

while in the service, nor is the obligation lessened on the day an officer puts the uniform aside and returns to civil life".

General Hixson lived by that creed.

Speak no more of his renown, Lay your earthly fancies down, And in the vast cathedral leave him, God accept him, Christ receive him.

Alfred, Lord Tennyson



Presidents Message

5-7-03

The year past has been a notable one in some respects. We lost two of our stalwarts in the Association with the death of MG William Hixson and Lt. Col. Harold Pellegrin, both of whom devoted a large part of their lives to making the 63rd Inf. Div. USAR a successful organization. Both these men played a major role during their tenure with the Division in making the unit a success.

Your Board of Directors has worked hard during the past year to make sure that the Association continues along the path of success. Personally I have been very privileged to serve as President this past term and my job was made much easier because of the dedication and quality of work of my fellow Board Members. I wish to thank them one and all and I hope all our Members take the time to let them know that you too appreciate their dedication on the job.

Our recent annual meeting in Fullerton, CA was a very good session. We had about the same attendance as the past two meeting with mostly the same faces present. I had hoped to see some more of our long time members who had not been attending but I was disappointed that not many of them showed up. Our speaker the Honorable Albert C. Zapanta, Chairman of the Reserve Forces Policy Board of Directors, gave an excellent accounting of what his Board is planning for our Reserve Forces and what we can expect to see in the near and distant future as to the mission of all our Reserve Forces. The present is a time of great flux and stress for Reserve forces due to the demand placed upon them for the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq. Not only the mission but also the entire composition of Reserve Forces may see the tides of change over the next few years.

I plan to continue to serve on the Board for at least my next two-year term and I thank everyone concerned for their cooperation and work during the past term.

Sincerely,

Robert H. Smith

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2002 ~ 2003

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Committee Reports - 2003

Membership: During the year 2002, the Membership Committee increased its Memberships by 3, 2 new Life and 1-3 year Member. The efforts to find and enroll new members continues. All present members are urged to submit the names of other potential members to me at 28535 Jenny Lane, Menfee, California 92584. The Committee wishes to remind each member that \$50.00 buys a Life Membership - The buy of a life time.

CW4 Layland A. Carson, Chairman

Treasurer: For the Calendar Year 2002 -2003, ending 1 April, the check balance was \$4615.54 as compared with the balance of \$5114.53 on the same date last year. \$1327.50 of our current balance is committed to reservations for the Annual Meeting, 2003. As usual, our major expenses were for publications and mailing our Annual Report. Printing cost was \$942.16 and our mailing cost increased to a total of \$509.74. Our Annual Income this past year totaled \$1253.00. Of this amount, \$855.00 was derived from Memorial and Sustaining Member contributions. Our Annual Meeting 2002 was attended by 61 persons, although, 66 persons paid for reservations in the amount of \$1947.50. As per our contract with the Four Points Hotel, we paid a total of \$2074.94. This amounted to a loss of \$127.44. Members of the Board of Governors make additional contributions to the Association by bearing their own expenses relating to Board and Annual meetings. The Treasurer presents, at each meeting, a written report of fiscal activities occurring since the last meeting. Individual expenditures and income are accounted for in this manner.

MAJ Raymond H. Edgerly, Treasurer

National Interest: The war in Iraq is essentially over. Pockets of resistance manned by opposition forces who refuse to accept the inevitable continue to crop up, and must be dealth with. Now is the time for our forces to convince the doubting element in Iraq that we are there to completely eliminate all traces of tyranny, and give their nation the blessing of freedom, and the opportunity to create the government of their choice in a democratic way. The time is here to give attentive thought to the future. Service schools of all branches of our military are already analyzing their current curriculums, and asking "What are we learning from the war in Iraq that demands changes in our teaching programs?" Most certainly we can expect changes in the organization of units, changes in equipment, and increases and decreases in strength levels of active components as well as reserve components. The current theme in the Department of Defense is "Lighter, More Mobile, More Lethal", which portends changes. The future will receive our intense interest.

COL Charles J. McCleery, Chairman

Publications: We continue to publish *The Blade* on a quarterly basis. We try with the limited space available, to inform the membership of the activities of the Board of Governors, and to present information on critical issues, as well as news of general interest. The annual report tries to summarize the past year's activities as well as provide the membership with a current roster of the members, photos and other interesting information. In addition, letters and resolutions authorized by the Board of Governors are put into proper form and sent to the appropriate recipients. We maintain a mailing list of all active members and honorary members who notify us of their current addresses.

LTC Donald L. Wirth, Chairman

CONTRIBUTIONS

The Board of Governors gratefully acknowledges the following contributions to the Association which were made between 20 March 2002 and 1 April 2003.

CPTArt Estebrook Mrs. Janet E. Mendonca SGM George Ichimura SGM Howard B. Eighmy

LTC Robert Smith COL William Seaver Mrs. Sylvia B. Bremer Rear Admiral B.S. Sparks

MSG Ulric Grisby PFC Thruza Grisby (wife) In honor of the Officers of Co.B,163dSignal Bn. In honor of Col Albert Mendonca In memory of members in Memoriam In memory of MG William Hixson and

LTC Harold Pellegrin
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In memory of COL George Lundgren
In memory of Col Milton Bremer
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2002 ANNUAL MEETINGS NOTES

The 36th Annual Meeting of the 63rd Infantry Division Association was held at the Sheraton Four Points in Fullerton, CA on 21 April 2002. The Luncheon, served buffet style, was attended by 61 persons.

Our speaker and honored guest was Command Sergeant Major Terrance D. McWilliams, the Command Sergeant Major of the USA National Training Center and Fort Irwin, California. He has held every leadership position in Cavalry and Armor from Squad Leader to Operations Sergeant Major. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, the Kuwait Liberation Medal, and the Liberation of Kuwait Medal.

SGM McWilliams discussed the outstanding training opportunities offered units at the NTC. He pointed out how this training assisted units in Operation Desert Storm in 1991. He also discussed the career changes and direction for soldiers in Today's Modern Army. It was a most informative presentation and led to some lively questions.

Preceeding SGM McWilliams, Robert Elert and his wife dressed in colonial attire presented a dramatic display entitled "Build The Flag". It was very beautiful and patriotic as the show presented the flag of the United States and the various changes in it as the nation matured. The Elerts pointed out historical, political and social changes in the United States and how these effected the nation and lead to changes in the design of the Flag.

Following the presentations, the prestigious Eagle Award was presented to SGM Tom Gordon for his outstanding contributions to the 63rd Infantry Division Association.

CSM Terrance D. McWillams USA National Training Center & Fort Irwin, California



2002 Guest Speaker CSM Terrance D. McWilliams





CSM Terrance D. McWilliams presented with 63d Inf Div Association plaque by LTC Robert Smith

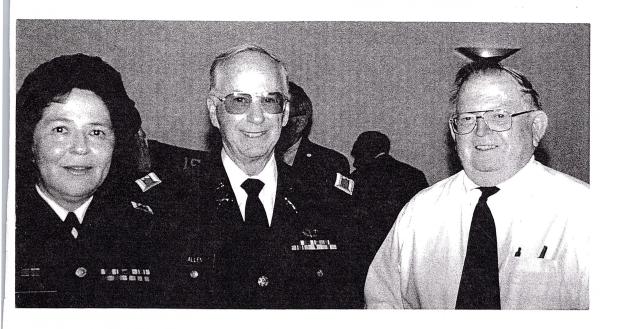
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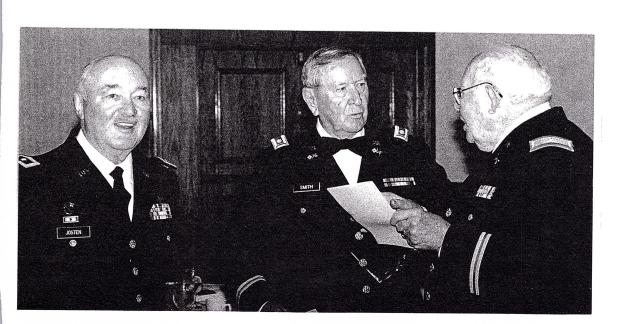




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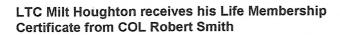


Pam Mitchell
Colleen Sung
SGM Tom David
CW4 Raymond E. Ross
COL David Ross
COL Charles Rosenthal





SGM Thomas Gorden, Jr presented the Eagle Award for outstanding performace of duties for the 63d Inf Div association by COL Robert Smith.







SGM Howard Eighmy receives his president's plaque from MG Ted Paulson

Raffle Time

LTC William Hodges calls the winning ticket, SGM Howard Eighmy verified the winning ticket for COL Keith Parkin





Mrs. Jenny Eighmy, winner, COL Lydia Collins , holding the raffle tickets, SFC Katherine picks the next winning ticket

COL Robert Smith and Barbara Sparks present the Grand Prize to Pam Mitchell



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2003 ANNUAL MEETINGS NOTES

The 37th Annual Meeting of the 63rd Infantry Division Association was held at the Sheraton Four Points in Fullerton, CA on 27 April 2003. The Luncheon, served buffet style, was attended by 67 persons.

Our speaker and honored guest was The Honorable Albert C. Zapanta, Chairman of the Reserve Forces Policy Board. Mr. Zapanta began his military career by enlisting in the Army in 1964. He was commissioned through the California Army National Guard OCS in 1966 as an infantry officer. He served in Vietnam in 1969. His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, 5 Bronze Stars with V device and the Purple Heart. From 1972-78, Mr. Zapanta served in the 63rd ARCOM. He continued his military career in the National Guard and in the Army Reserve. He was appointed to the rank of Major General in the Virginia State Militia. His civilian career includes working at Bethlehem Steel and ARCO. He is the President and CEO of the United States-Mexico Chamber of Commerce based in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Zapanta was appointed to his position on the RFPB by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld in March, 2002. Mr. Zapanta discussed many of the current issues concerning the Armed Forces and especially the U.S. Army following the Iraqi Freedom Operation. Of greatest interest to the audience was the utilization of the Reserve Forces and their mix with the Active Component in the Operation Iraqi Freedom. Mr. Zapanta addressed the continued tasking of Reserves to meet Active Component duties and what this is doing to the reserve personnel, their continuation in the reserves and to their civilian employers. There is considerable study and analysis of these issues taking place in DOD and on Capitol Hill. There were no clear answers or recommendations as to the effect that these issues will have on the Reserves in the future. It was a most enlightening and informative discussion given by a person on the inside in Washington, D.C.

Following this presention, the prestigious Eagle Award was presented to COL Lydia Collins, Vice-President of the 63rd Infantry Division Association, for her outstanding contributions to the

Association.

HONORABLE ALBERT C. ZAPANTA Chairman of The Reserve Forces Policy Board



2003 GUEST SPEAKER HONORABLE ALBERT ZAPANTA

Honorable Albert Zapanta, Guest Speaker, presented with 63d Inf. Div. Association plaque by COL McCleery & LTC Robert Smith







MAJ Raymond Edgerly LTC Earle D. Sweeney

63rd Inf Div Members getting ready to have lunch and listen to our Guest Speaker





MG Jim Beal, MG Ted Paulson



SGM Arnold Greenberg SGM Thomas Gorden, Jr

BG Robert Upp Mrs. Jane Upp other members

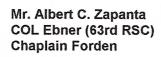




Mrs. Jane Drennen Mrs. Rosemary Murray



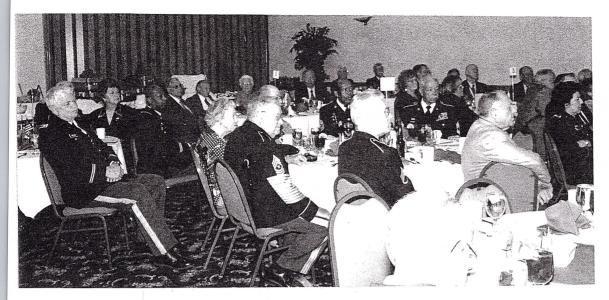
MG Jim Beal, MG Robert Lame LTC Milton Houghton LTC Beverly Houghton







Ms. Barbara Sparks CW3 Farrell Chiles



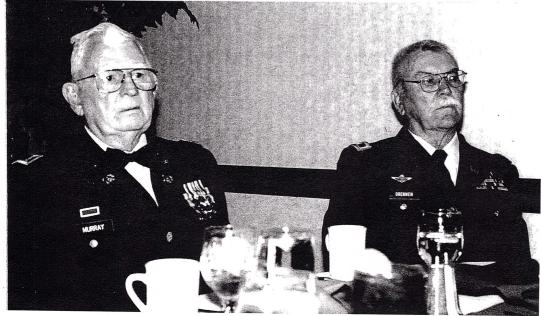
63rd Inf Div members listening to the Guest Speaker

COL Michael Schirm

Mrs. Corriere

COL Paul L. Corriere





CW4 George Murray COL Emmett Drennen



COL William T. Allen CW4 Walter H. Woodward

LTC William A. Hodges CW4 Layland A. Carson





LTC Robert Smith, MG Ted Paulson Mrs. Pat Paulson



COL Lydia Collins receives the Eagle Award from LTC Robert Smith

LTC Robert Smith presented LTC Bill Hodges with a certificate of Appreciation as Member Emeritus





RAFFLE WINNERS

MG LAME

SGM EIGHMY





MAJ JAMES R HELMS

SGM THOMAS GORDEN Jr



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SEE YOU NEXT YEAR 2004

Whooze Nuze

LTC Robert H. Smith (President) Asst C/S G4

President Smith relates that He and his wife Dorothy wish to say hello to all of our members and to let them know that we are still plugging along toward my 86th birthday.

We have curtailed our traveling considerably due to Dorothy's "problem with her legs". Walking is now difficult for her. We managed to spend a week in Mexico at the Rosa Rita Beach hotel complex and enjoyed it very much over the Christmas season. It's "only a short drive from our home in Hemet".

I have enjoyed my term on the Board of Governors, and before I was invited to join the Board I didn't "realize how hard this group works for the 63d Inf. Div. Association"

We meet at least six times a year and nearly everyone on the Board participates. As you know, I have tried to get more participation from our members at large at our annual meeting.

This year it will be held on April 27th at the Sheridan Four Points hotel in Fullerton CA., social hour at 11:00 AM, buffet at 12:00 noon.

Our speaker this year is indeed an outstanding American, Honorable Albert C. Zapanta, Chairman Reserve Forces Policy Board. COL. Zapanta served in the 63rd ARCOM from 1972-

1978. I hope to see many of you on April 27th 2003 and wish you all well

Rear Admiral B.S. Sparks (USCG-Ret)

Admiral Sparks stated that he retired in 1993 with 50 years one month and one day of service. Since his wife is residing in a skilled nursing facility for Alzheimer's, " (along with Diabetes and Parkinson's") he has become more active in volunteer organization, on the board of director of Sonoma County area agency for aging, also on the Board of Director Alzheimer's "association of Northern CA". and Chairman Emeritus of ROA Board of Trustee.

CSM. William R. Sanders (Command Sergeant Major 63d ARCOM)

Hello from a cold and blustery Green Country, the "Green Country" is something of a misnomer as we, along with Most of the plains states have experienced a very crippling drought. Once again we failed to harvest the hay amount s which our cattle herd requires. Once we start buying supplement of feed and hay, our income shrinks accordingly. We have realized a very significant weight gain on these years Calf crop due to the genetic contribution made by our two new herd bulls. We purchased them on that premises.

We get to have our grandchildren with us throughout the year, which always perks us up. I had to buy a second ATV to keep them all entertained. Mary and I went to Ft. Sill, OK in September for the annual retiree function. We were treated royally and members of the JAG prepared our wills for us at no cost.

A week after our return home, Mary underwent total knee replacement. She made a speedy, if not painful, recovery by following her therapist's "regimen of exercise". I am extremely proud of her. We are still considering surgery on the right knee. God bless and may we all be able to answer up the next annual "Whooze Nuze" roll call.

Time, distance and scheduling conflict with the Annual meeting as we become extremely busy with calving cows, schedule our breeding requirements and overall ranch management. Additionally, we are doing significant construction.

COL Minor K. White (Commander Co C 15th Infantry)

I will be moving to my new home in Columbus, GA, should be there in March. I bought the home in June 2002. Some health issues and frequent doctor appointments have delayed my relocation. The delay has been frustrating but necessary. I had planned to move last October, but now things are looking up. My home is only a few miles from Ft. Benning, Will be nice to enjoy the benefits of a major installation. I will be in Savannah, GA. In March for the big St Patrick's Day parade and celebration. A marvelous party with good friends, a fun time. I try to go every year. My best wishes to all the members

BG James H. Phillips (Deputy Commanding General 63d ARCOM)

General Phillips stated that he has no story at this time, but that he is having fun.

Mrs. Catherine A. Martin (Wife of CAPT William Martin) Mrs. Martin stated that because of her disability she will not be able to attend your annual meeting, but thanks all.

Brig Gen. Robert D. Upp (Staff Judge Advocate) During WW11 I commanded K Company 65th Infantry Div. Of General Patton's Third Army

We were at Wadgassen, Germany, on the Saar River feeling out the Siegfried line before attacking it. Our firing position was in a glass and crystal factory whose wall on the riverside was stone and brick, about four feet up with glass windows above. Behind that crystal was stacked on shelves and most of it broken by German machine gun fire The wall itself was perfect cover. I noticed each morning that a mushroom shaped tower with gun ports came up out the German bunker like an elevator. This open movement about 200 yards away irritated me, even though it descended at sundown. I called a friend, Captain Neuman, Commander of the cannon company and asked if he had a 105 MM howitzer that wasn't in use. I explained that if we bore sighted on the tower we might put it out of commission. That night he brought the cannon down to the river. The next morning when the German had their contraption fully elevated, the cannoneer sighted down the barrel, fired the piece like a rifle and had a

direct hit which put a hole in the cylinder wall. That night the tower remained up, so we apparently damaged it enough to halt operation.

An adjacent unit later told us that night they captured a German patrol that said their mission was to identify the new secret weapon we were using.

CAPT Arthur Esterbrook (S3 163d Signal Bn.).

Capt Esterbrook stated that he is working as a Volunteer at Northridge Hospital. Last year about the same time as our annual meeting I became the proud grandfather of twins (a boy and a girl). I am a trauma volunteer at Northridge and a part of the trauma team in one of the two

Trauma centers in the San Fernando Valley, as such I help identify the patient, notify the family or friend, act as liaison between family and staff.

LTC. Donald L. Wirth (Commander Co B. 163d Signal BN.)
On April 2nd 2002 Katherine Ellen (Katy) Wirth was born to our son Allen and his wife Karen. This makes nine grandchildren and words just can't describe how beautiful she is. We have three grandsons attending college.

June we went up to McCloud in Northern CA. for three weeks of round dancing. It is always so much fun and such beautiful country. We stayed home for three weeks and then took off in July for Don's high school reunion and other places back east. In Iowa Rae Ann did some genealogy and walked a lot of cemeteries. From there we went to Madison, Wisconsin where Don did some genealogy. Then we went on to Valparaiso, Indiana for Don's high school reunion. We always have such a good time. From there we went south to West Lafayette, Indiana to Purdue University (Don is an alumnus) to dance a week. From there we went to New Castle, In. to visit a cousin of Don and to work on genealogy. In Ohio we visited more of Don's cousins. From there we went west to West Virginia and Pennsylvania. In Pennsylvania we visited a cousin of Rae Ann's father, in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

From there we went to Maryland and Washington, D.C. At Hagerstown we got up at 04:00AM and went to a reenactment of the battle of Antietam at dawn with 15,000 re-enactors taking part on the 140th anniversary of the battle. We stayed at Andrews AFB for a week and did some genealogy and touring.

We got interested in the C&O canal and took a canal boat ride. We also visited a lot of other Civil War Battle Fields. Then down to Quantico, Virginia where Don did some more genealogy. Next we were in Williamsburg, Vi. And attended a musical at the Governors Palace. We even went to Kitty Hawk, NC to see where the Wright brother's "first flight took place". Since the sniper had started sniping in the D.C. area, it was time to start west. We stayed in West, Virginia for one night and to Lexington, Kentucky . We stayed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, but they weren't " giving out samples"

Rae Ann slipped and fell brining the groceries in so we got to visit the emergency room for stitches. Rae Ann

spent her birthday at Clarksville, Kentucky at Fort Campbell. We drove into Nashville and visited the Jackson's "Hermitage and The Upper Room Chapel"

Next we moved south to Memphis, TN. And had to go to Presley's Graceland. Next we traveled through and did sightseeing in Little Rock, AR., then to Oklahoma, Texas and New Mexico. We finally got to Mesa, Arizona where we stayed from the end of October until the first of April. We enjoyed the round dancing and our AZ friends very much. We finally got back to Placentia, CA. for Katy's birthday.

CW4. Layland A. Carson (Membership Chairman)

CW4 Carson stated that during the year of 2002, the membership committee of the 63d Infantry Division Association-USAR, increased it life membership by two,

The efforts to find and enroll new members continues, and all present members are urged to submit names of other potential members to,

CW4 Lee Carson 28535 Jenny Lane Menifee, California 92584

The committee wishes to remind each member that \$ 50.00 BUYS A LIFE MEMBERSHIP- THE BUY OF A LIFETIME.

COL. William J.M. Monsanto (ACS/GI)
Still working at my own accounting and tax service. The year 2002 saw me

in my underwear carrying my shoes trying to board a plane for the 99th Inf. Div. Assn. In Pittsburgh. In Pittsburgh we wee at the dedication of the 99th RSC. What an improvement over the 63d ARCOM facility. Their operating budget is \$ 39 million a year... that tells it all.

May I suggest to my fellow 63d alumni that they advise their spouses to be more accurate in comments on their military careers? My wife told her bridge club "every week when he put on his "soldier suit" he would spend 20 minutes in front of a mirror, saluting himself". This of course was erroneous...15 minutes top.

Last week when I hit the big 80; I wondered why I had spent 33 years in uniform as a soldier and "a" officer. Now I know. You guys made me do it, your friendship were worth much more than the pay.

COL. Jan C. Mennig (2d BDE-Staff)

Another retirement; this time from the county Chamber of Commerce. We are traveling as often as possible, South America, Canada, New Orleans, New Zealand and Australia.

Fishing wherever possible. We plan more trips as time permits given the present commitments we have in the county

LTC. Kenneth R. Lindley (Division Artillery).

On September 11th 2002, Judy and I celebrated our 20th wedding anniversary in Paris, France

We were joined by 22 friends, and continued the celebration with a two-week tour of France. Lots of highlights on a trip like this. But I must admit that Normandy made a lasting impression. Beyond that we continue to enjoy retired life in the rural setting of Fallbrook, CA.

LTC. James T. Wright (311th COSCOM)

I am now fully retired!! My wife and I are enjoying our grandchildren daily, Annelise Shaw (4yrs old) Michael David and Melissa Marie (20 month old twins)

On occasion we also get to enjoy our grandchildren from Santa Barbara, Armanda Wright (13 yrs old), and Jayson and Parker Wright (11yrs old twins). Every day is a holiday.

CW4. Haskell R. Beck (HQ Co 4th Bn 27th Inf)

I am still working at Household Credit Services

I left the 63d when it was de-activated in December 1965. Enlisted in the Calif. Army National Guard. My final tour was as the Army National Guard Liaison to the Dept. of Defense Manpower data center, Monterey, CA.

I retired as CW4, I had many dealings with ARPERCEN in the development of

an automated retirement points accounting system.

MAJ. John Tappe (G-3 Air)

Not much to tell. Had a second stroke just a year ago; since then somewhat curtailed, try to play a little golf, but very badly. Oh well, at least " I'm looking down at the grass".

LTC. Milton Houghton (Chief, Force Integration Division DCSFOR)

Still working at the 63d RSC. Beside all of the activity associated with my civilian position at the 63d RSC where "we've coordinated the acquisition of 20 new units in the past two years and the addition of many more in the next several years",

I served as President for the Department of California, Reserve Officers Association. My wife, LTC Beverley Houghton, has been the ROA California Vice President for medical affairs and our chapter 92 Vice President. She retired from the USAR this April from her position as staff nurse in the 63d RSC surgeon's "office". In that position she had been very busy this past year presenting the Tri-Care briefing to mobilizing unit members and families.

MAJ. George E. Hutson

Still working, Filtration Engineering Co. Inc.

Just turned 65 and not thinking of retirement yet, I am owner and

President of this company and we Mfg dairy processing equipment.

In 2002 we completed a 50% expansion to our building to increase our production. By 100% to serve the growing international markets, Japan, India, England, Ireland, Italy and Australia/ N.Z.

I have recently attended my 42 008class reunion OCS 2-59 at Fort Benning.

COL. William T. Allen (Assistant G-1)

Working part time as a retained consultant for my old employer Principal Financial Group.

The wife and I are in good health and still traveling. Several trips to mid west and east coast combined with family visits and ten days on the beach on Maui. Still serve as the Board of the LA. Claim Association and also on the Legislative committee of the employer health care coalition of LA. With one day a month in Sacramento. The big news, the first grandchild arrived. I look forward to seeing many at the Annual Meeting.

COL. Banner A. Rice

Lou and I moved to Hot Springs
Village, Arkansas in July 1992 from
CA, but we still miss our friends and
neighbors and Lou's "son and family
in Temecula"., However we love living
here in the village and have made many
new wonderful and caring friends. My
health has steadily declined and Lou
has to push me around in a wheelchair.

Four years ago I fell and broke my right hip, the hip replacement, followed by spinal surgery. Also have two bad arthritic knees. To compound matters I have a rare form of anemia requiring periodic transfusions plus weekly injections and continuous oxygen.

My son David lives in Marutta, GA. and comes to visit frequently. Lou's "son" and family visit whenever his job enables him to do so.

Thank goodness for Christmas holidays as we hear from our old time friends, Ed Miller, Tom Gilliam and Char McCleery.

We celebrated our 16th weeding anniversary on February 14th and my 90th birthday on February 26th. If any of you chance to be in our area do come and visit us, we love company.

LTC. George L. Dutton

It has been a good year with everyone in good health .Of course; we had to go see our grandchildren compete in the New Mexico State swimming championships in March 2002. Our grandson age 10 was competing in six events.

He won medals in all six events, two first, three second and one third. It was very exciting and we feel very fortunate to have been there.

In May, we flew to Ohio to see our oldest grandson graduate from Earlham College with honor.

During the autumn we went on an Elderhostel in

Quebec City in Canada. We stayed in the hills outside the city in a converted ski lodge. At that time of year the colors were truly beautiful

Our son who is a ranger with the Corps of Engineers was recently promoted to Manager at the Corps facility at Abiquiu, New Mexico. He really loves New Mexico. Our youngest son has just been elected to the Board of Directors for the Montrose Chamber Of Commerce. We just heard that he and his wife received the Founders Day award from the PTA for their work at their daughter's elementary school for Earthquake Preparedness.

Our oldest son is still teaching architecture at Miami University (Ohio). He will be at a conference this spring in Santa Fe, New Mexico and the brothers plan to get together I was awarded the Barbershopper of the year award by the Crescenta Valley Highlanders. The award was presented at an installation dinner and was a total surprise. We feel very blessed and wanted to share our news

COL. Russell Park (Public Affairs-ARCOM)

After New Year's "Judy and I flew to Ft Lauderdale and boarded our favorite cruise ship". After two weeks down the east side of South America, with a couple days on the Orinoco River, we started for the west side for a great transit of the Panama Canal. Judy stayed on the bow of the ship during the eight hours and took pictures, notes, and tape recording of our favorite narrator.

We got off in Valpariso. We had cruised the east to west a few years ago and gotten off in Valpariso, so now we have completed our circumnavigation. We had some days coming in Puerto Vallarta from a time share presentation so we added a week through the Armed Forces travel program, a real bargain deal, and used our frequent flyer miles with Aero Mexico before they expired.

That trip filled out February and got us home in time for my one-month jury duty in San Diego.

We plugged in our annual trip to El Centro NAF to be with the Blue Angels for air show number one for 2002. Dinner with them is a real thrill-E ticket.

In May we flew east to see sights and attend my annual Ambassador conference with the outgoing chief and the new chief of the Army Reserve. Highlights were a retirement parade at Ft Meyer with the Secretary of the Army and Chief of Staff, featuring the "Old Guard" and got to be with the Blue Angels again at Andrews AFB for armed forces day air show

Had a great weekend at the National Training Center at Ft Irwin watching the "op for" doing an amazing job on a National Guard outfit.

In October we had a great day at Trinity Site at White Sands Missile Range and then a few days at the Balloon Fiesta, over 800 entries. We stayed at Holloman AFB and Kirtland AFB.

Got home in time to pack and fly to Rome for a cruise through the Corinth Canal. And then early November flew to Venice for a cruise through the Suez and into the Indian Ocean for the total solar eclipse on 4 Dec. We added a week in South Africa and Victoria Falls. Awesome. Then home for the holidays. Looking forward to having lunch with Howard and Jenny next month and then the annual meeting in April

COL. Keith O. Parkin (Assistant Chief of Staff-Personnel)

During World War 11,I was an infantry soldier with the 102d Inf. Div. Serving as a rifleman and squad leader. We had fought to the Rohr River, on to the Rhine River, and on April 28th 1945 we reached the Elbe River. The Company Co. passed the word; he had just received orders that we would hold our positions and fight no further. The war was over for us. We passed the word to our squads and you can imagine the excitement that followed. About an hour later, we received further orders that Co C 407th Inf. Was to cross the Elbe River that night and meet the Russians. The war was not over for our company

We crossed the Elbe and penetrated 9-10 miles into German territory when suddenly German tanks and troop surrounded us. After a short firefight, 3 killed and 14 injured, our wise commander passed the word to surrender. I was now a prisoner of war.

Captured April 29th.liberated on May 2nd and the war ended on May 8th with my birthday on May 15th. My wife, Joyce, told me of the celebrations on

May 8th. Her husband had made it thru the war!! On May 15th, my wife was at home, the doorbell rang and she answered. It was a western union messenger with a telegram for Joyce .In a joking manner he said something to the effect "good news from the war front."

Joyce opened the telegram and it read: "The Secretary Of War Desires to Express His Deep Regret That Your Husband, S/SGT Keith O. Parkin, has been missing in action in Germany since 29th April 1945.

What a way to end the war and celebrate my birthday. About a week later, she received a "V" mail from me stating I was ok.

Later, when I arrived home, I asked her what she did when she received the telegram. Her answer was simple. "I cried, went to my room and prayed. Immediately, I knew you were ok and would return safely."

We have just celebrated our 60th weeding anniversary and our trip through life has been one very happy

Mrs. Mary C. Frady (Wife of COL Erle H. Frady Jr.)

enjoyable trip

Mrs. Frady wishes every one a happy New Year.

Thanks to another good friend who is typing and printing this message to you. I say "hello"! There is nothing wrong with me, except my hands don't "work as well and I can't write and address all those Christmas cards". So my dear friend has taken pity on me and will print this so you can read it. Before I leave this hands thing, I'm "getting

help in the form of acupuncture"! Well we will see.

I'm very well, happy and still living my double life, winter in Rancho Mirage and summer in Laguna Woods.

All the family is well and very busy, just like your families. Isn't it fun to watch them all grow up and develop into people? Living very worthwhile lives and contributing to our world. Even two great grandchildren keep my interest in their development, Nathaniel Erie is 6 and Emily is 2,a cuddly Cabbage Patch doll. They are Dennis and Carol's grandchildren. Dennis is getting ready to retire in February.

Ron and Kathy have one boy and two beautiful girls. Ron made me buy a new car this past year. They ride herd on me in the summer.

Kathy and Carrie, my girls are so much fun and are always planning some activity with me. Last year was a road trip up the California coast. We visited colleges where grandchildren were enrolled, a real eye opener on their homemaking skills.

May was a high point; Kristen married Joe Coburn, big Catholic Church wedding with reception at the Marriott. The next high point was to help Carrie and Bill celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in December.

A few days ago a dear friend called and said, Mary are you all right? So I thought I better try to let you all know I am fine. I get out of chair more slowly, belong to a putting club, bridge club, and Republican Women's "club", Pan Hellenic Women and enjoy my church

and friends. Just hope these hands get better so I can write next year

MSG. Ulric L. Grigsby Jr. (311th COSCOM, Materiel Section)

Left home on the 18th June 2002 and flew out of Burbank, spent the night In the BOQ at Norfolk Navy Base. On the 19th went aboard the USS Mahan to teach three classes, ended up with 10 classes and spent two semesters. Left the ship and spent three days on the USS George Washington. Got off in Portugal 4th of October and flew home on the fifth of October 2002.

While associated with the U.S. government I have traveled to, Aruba, Bahrain, Columbia, Croatia, Cuba, Curaceau, England, France, Germany, Gibraltar Greece, Israel, Italy, Japan, Korea, Malta, Mexico, Morocco, Panama, Portugal, Puerto Rico, Slovannia, Sicily, Spain, Tunisia, and Turkey.

While teaching for Central Texas
College/ Troy State University I have
taught Psychology,
Business, Personal Finance, Business
Law, Supervision/Management on the
listed ships between the year of 1990
thru October 2002.

USS PAUL, USS PONCE, USS TRENTON, USS GUADACANAL USS NITRO, USS MITCHER, USS SUPPLY, USS BRISCO, USS TICONDEROGA, USS WHIDBY ISLAND, USS ANZIO, USS MONTEREY and USS MAHAN. CWO4 George F. Murray Jr.

Chief Murray states, another year in the lives of George and Rosemary 2002.

The year 2002 started out with the regular round of meetings with the Newport, Rhode Island. I drove a truck, various organizations that we belong to and the birthday and anniversary parties that we enjoy with our family and friends

Something new happened when one of our grandchildren was asked to join a local acting group and had one of the leading rolls in shake spear's "Taming of the Shrew". It played in a little theatre in Redlands called the Redlands Footlight. He also was in the cast of characters in the play, "Mary, Mary", a comedy that was presented by the Hillside Players at the Ramona Bowl in Hemet.

The middle of July found us on the road again, for the eighth year in a row, crossing the United States to visit family and friends along the way. We attended the reunion of the 25th Infantry Division Association in Albany, New York. A friend who live in Albany took us to a quaint little restaurant called the "Hometown Café", It was small but had all kinds of memorabilia from WW11 and one could spend hours pouring over the memorabilia. The owner was most gracious and visited with us telling stories of how she obtained all these momentums.

We were treated to a visit at the Watervliet Arsenal. It was founded in 1813 and they produced powder horns, bullet pouches, powder measures, bullet

worms, flints, cartridge boxes and belts for the war of 1812. During the Civil War the arsenal employed about 1500 adult and 500 children. Only boys were employed at the arsenal, but the Commander of the arsenal, Lt. Col. Peter Hagner, thought girls were more skilled at rolling the smaller, combustible carbine cartridges, and employed about 250 young girls in this capacity.

As we journeyed through New England we took a tour of Fort Adams in while in the Rhode Island National Guard, from the Armory in Pawtucket to Fort. However, that was a long time ago and I had never really been through the Fort. The present Fort Adams is actually the third fortification to occupy its site beginning with the Revolutionary War Era. The city of Newport was blessed by Nature with a large and deep natural harbor making it an ideal location from which to conduct maritime trade. Thus it was imperative that it be protected. The Fort was improved throughout its life and was a great asset through all of our wars. In 1947 a fire broke out in the upstairs barracks. The result was that the southeast barracks were reduced to a shell, never to be rebuilt. Fort Adams closed in June of 1950 and fell into disrepair. In 1972 it was put on the list of Historic American Buildings and some restoration was begin. Today it is a Rhode Island State Park with tour of the Fort. It is the site of the New Port Jazz Festival.

I have traced my roots back to Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry and his brother, Commodore Matthew Perry, who are buried in Island Cemetery in Newport, Rhode Island. There is a big monument to Oliver Hazard Perry who made his fame when he defeated the English at the Battle of Lake Erie during the war of 1812. It was a great year and every day we give thanks that we have our health and can do all this

Major General Robert Lame (S-4 63d AVN. Bn.)

Absolutely retired.

As with most of us, it was an active and busy year with more opportunities to do things and go places than we had time. We missed the 02 annual meeting due to a family event conflict, which required us to be in Northern California on the same day.

We do expect to attend this year. We had our fair share of trips to the beach in our trailer, a fun trip through Northern Nevada in June and a trip to Colorado in October to participate in a leadership forum with honors program students at my alma mater, Colorado School of Mines.

We were quite fortunate to be able to take the drive over Trail Ridge Road in Rocky Mountain National Park. In all, the times my wife and I had been in the Denver area over the last 35 years, weather at the 12,000 ft. level had prevented us from making the drive, so it was quite a surprise to be able to do it in mid-October. We love our mountain home at Pine Mountain Club, but are delighted to be able to enjoy warmer weather again this winter at our Mesquite, NV, and condo. ESGR activities occupy some of my time. It continues to encourage me that

California employers are generally very positive and supportive to the over 10,000 Reservists and Guardsmen from California who has been mobilized since 9-11. I also continue to work with the Greater Los Angles Chapter, Association of the U.S. Army Support the Guard, Reserve and ROTC programs

SGM Howard B. Eighmy (H/HC 327th Inf.Bdg)

SGM Eighmy stated that he is retired, and that he and his wife Jenny enjoyed seeing old friends and making new ones at the association annual meeting in April 2002. I keep busy with frequent doctor appointments and working with the Board of Governors on the boards meeting agenda and planning for the 2003 annual meeting. We also play bingo every Tuesday evening in our clubhouse.

Jenny and I celebrated our 40th weeding anniversary with an Eighmy family reunion in May 2002. We spent three days at the Welk Resort Center, Escondido California. Had our children families, my two brothers families and 90-year-old uncle with his family, a total of thirty guests.

COL Arthur T. Vikander (CMDR 916th Field Depot, 63d ARCOM) (I.G. 63d Inf Div.)

After several years I the Seattle area we decided to trade the moisture of the Northwest for the Palm Desert climate. Very agreeable in winter but less so in summer. Have been able to escape heat by extended visits to

Australia, where we have relatives and friends.

Still difficult, but possible to get there by "Space A" from Travis, but expensive otherwise.

June and I are still kicking but not as high.

Received the British O.B.E. last year, that's

"Over Bloody Eighty". Best to all.

SGM Thomas Gorden (SGM) Materiel section 311th COSCOM).

I traveled across the mid west and south to visit my friends and relatives had a good time eating good old country cooking. I traveled to Miami Beach Fl. To visit my youngest daughter.

I am still working with the Employer Support for the Guards and Reserve (ESGR), under the leadership of MG. Robert Lame. I enjoy being associated with the 63d Infantry Division Reserve, and working with the Board of Governors.

"THANKS AGAIN TO ALL OF YOU" We the Board of Governors, 63d Inf Div Association, USAR, would like to say again, thanks to all of you for your input to the Whooze Nuze.

You know for some of us, this is the only way that we can keep in touch, so keep on sending us the news about you and your family.

Sincere thanks and appreciation to you for the outstanding services you provided this Association for so many years. You truly played a vital role in providing your services in printing our annual newsletters, invitations for our annual meeting and Whooze Nuze and our beautiful Annual Report.

We are most appreciative and will always think of you as we continue our efforts to provide the members of the 63d Infantry Division Association USAR, complete and accurate information regarding our association.

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